

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-6 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. The Examiner's indication that claims 2 and 4-6 are allowed is noted with appreciation. Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and to expedite allowance of the application.

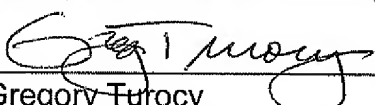
Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the English translation of Kawada et al (JP 10101615). The cancellation of claims 1 and 3 renders this rejection moot.

Consequently, the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,
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